LATE NEWS BY WIRE

Inspector Ashe Investigating Robbery of Ocean Mails.

LOSSES HAVE BEEN VERY HEAVY

Government Officials Preserve a Great Secrecy as to the Matter.

BEGAN SOME TIME AGO

NEW YORK, July 31.-Chief Post Office Inspector Ashe, with assistants in this city and elsewhere, has been occupied for days past in learning the exact circumstances attending the last of a series of remarkable robberies of mail matter carried aboard the great ocean steamships. The authorities admit that the mails have been robbed, and that an investigation is being held, but refuse to give particulars about the individual cases.

They will not say how much property ha been lost, but it is known that the thefts aggregate thousands of dollars. The officers believe now that their work on this side of the Atlantic is about completed, and that further investigations may have to be conducted in connection with officials of foreign governments.

The first of the thefts occurred several months ago, and though thoroughly inves-tigated, has never been satisfactorily ex-plained. Later, additional complaints were received, and the inspectors finally became convinced that the foreign mails were be ing systematically robbed on a large scale, as eighty packages of matter have been

missed from a single steamship.

The mail stolen in that case was mostly in registered pouches, which had been sealed in the general office in this city and opened by the clerks aboard the vessel. Another theft was that of a package currency sent from Germany to a city in These robberies are said to have been among the most daring ever attempted in

the service. TWO YOUNG MEN MURDERED.

Mutilated Bodies Found by Little Girls at Railroad Crossing. SELIGMAN, Mo., July 31.-Near a rail-

road crossing three miles north of here two little girls found the dead bodies of George Tucker and L. W. Harper, two young men whose homes are said to have een near Hindsville, Ark.

The skulls of both men show marks of violence. They are believed to have been beaten to death and robbed.

THOMAS GORSTCH DEAD.

Professor of Languages of Baltimore Dies on Steamship St. Paul.

NEW YORK, July 31.-Thomas Gorsuch a saloon passenger on the American liner St. Paul, which arrived this morning from Southampton, died when the steamship was one day at sea, on July 24. He was a professor of languages and a native of Baltimore, Md. For the last seven or eight years he lived in England. He was about sixty years old and had retired from business. In December last he had an attack of apoplexy. He had apparently recovered and had decided to return to Baltimore. The professor's niece, Miss Fannie Black of Baltimore, accompanied him in his re-turn trip. A stroke of cerebral apoplexy carried him off. The professor had no fam-His body will be taken to Baltimore

ELDER SAILS FOR ALASKA. Carries 338 Passengers and 1,300

Tons of Freight. PORTLAND, Oreg., July 31.-The Oregon Railway and Navigation Company's steamer Geo. W. Elder sailed for Dyea, Alaska

gers, nearly all of whom are bound for the Klondyke. She carried 1,300 tons of freight, her full capacity; 130 horses and burros and 75 dogs. All day long hundreds of people congre

gated in the vicinity of Ainsworth dock, where the Elder was moored, and at 7 o'clock it was estimated that 10,000 were on the river bank or on the bridges to bid Godspeed to the gold hunters.

GOLD SEEKERS PROTEST.

Object to Canada Levying Duty at Victoria and Dyea. SEATTLE, Wash., July 31.-Prospective

gold seekers in the north are aroused over

the action of the Canadian government in collecting duty at Victoria or Dyea on every miner's outfit from the United States. A mass meeting has been called by the merchants and outfitters in this city to outline plans for retaliatory action. The idea is that this action of the Victoria collector is not taken in the interests of collecting revenue, but to try to compel par-ties to buy their outfits in Victoria. The Secretary of the Treasury will be memor ialized and requested to withdraw his or-der making Dyea a subport of entry. It was so designated, it is claimed, for the surpose of permitting British steamers to land freight and passengers there.

GREAT FLOODS IN SILESIA.

Much Loss of Life and Damage to Property Reported.

BERLIN, July 31.—The devastation caused by the floods in Silesia is widespread. Nothing like it has occurred in that district for a century. The loss already reaches many millions of marks. It is estimated that a hundred persons have perished by drowning in Silesia and Bohemia.

At Loebtan a town hall recently built and two other large structures have collapsed. The rivers are still rising. At Isohl the people are leaving their houses. It is feared that the great Elizabeth bridge will be swept away. A large bridge at Lauffen has been torn down by the

The emperor, who displays the greatest interest in the situation, is being kept closely advised from all parts of the devastated district.

The Borsen Courier says: "The general opinion in official and commercial circles that an agreement will be reached between England and Germany on the tariff. A tariff war is altogether out of the question. There are too many interests at stake on both sides."

CRITICISES THE CONFERENCE.

St. James Gazette Thinks It Will Make America More Aggressive. LONDON, July 31.-The St. James Gazette, referring to the forthcoming international conference on the sealing question,

"The Americans will consider the conference another climb-down for the British and not unnaturally Mr. Sherman's dispatch will be regarded as the direct cause. "The United States makes a quite unwar-

rantable demand. We ignore it. Then the American State Department sends a menacing and insulting dispatch. We promptly yield. It is the Venezuelan business and Cleveland message once again. "And once again it will confirm the

'And once again it will confirm the merican political mind in the conviction that John Buil always knuckles down when bullied and threatened. Our statesmen are preparing future disasters for both countries by carelessly encouraging this dan-gerous delusion."

JOPLIN, Mo., July 31.-A rich lead mine has been struck on Main street, within a few blocks of the business center of town H. D. Graves and Sam Vaughan, two of seven feet, over a ton of ore. Machinery will be put in, and the mine will soon be in

BONA-FIDE CIRCULATION.

A reference to the statement below will show that the circulation sworn to is a bona fide one.

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paper with an elastic conscience to swell its legitimate circulation enormously, in order to deceive advertisers, by sending out thousands of papers to newsstands, which are returnable, and which are in fact re-

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tions don't give them. The family circulation of The Star is many thousands in excess of any other Wasnington paper.

Circulation of The "Evening Star." SATURDAY, July 24, 1897......33,484

MONDAY, July 26, 1897......27,616 TUESDAY, July 27, 1897......27,550 WEDNESDAY, July 28, 1897......27,760 THURSDAY, July 29, 1897......27,628 FRIDAY, July 30, 1897......27,396 Total......171,434

I solemnly swear that the above statement represents only the number of copies of THE EVEN-ING STAR circulated during the six secular days ending Friday, July 30, 1897—that is, the number of copies actually sold, delivered, furnish-

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Supt. Circulation Evening Star Newspaper Co. Subscribed and sworn to before me this thirty-first day of July, A. D. 1897. JNO. C. ATHRY.

Notary Public, D. C.

MYSTERIOUS FRIEND DISCOVERED. Latest Development in the Alice Bar-

rett Suicide Case. BOSTON, Mass., July 31.-It has developed that the mysterious man who figured in the stories told by Alice M. Barrett, whose body was found in the office of her employers here a week ago, in relation to a loan of \$800, is Capt. John Codman, brother of the girl's employer. Capt. Codman, however, positively denies the story, and says he got the information that he was named by Miss Barrett as her debtor from Fire Marshal Whitcomb.

Capt. Codman said that he had known Alice two or three years. She had done considerable typewriting for him, and he had taken her to dinner at the Parker House several times. He also had given her a picture of himself. The young wo-

man would never take pay for any type-writing, he said, and that was the reason he took her to dinner. He was greatly surprised that he was said to be the mysterious individual to whom Alice had loaned the \$800, and

laughed at the thought of it. He could not believe the girl told such a story. NO BUSINESS SESSION HELD.

Delegates to Evangelist Convention

at Pittsburg Take an Outing. PITTSBURG, Pa., July 31.-A boat ride on the Monongahela river took up the time of the delegates to the biennial convention of the Young People's Alliance of the Evangelist Association this morning, and no business session was held.

At the afternoon session, Rev. Theo. Gaehr of Cleveland read a paper on "The Mission of the Young People's Alliance in Large Cities."

with a discussion, led by Rev. C. A. Thomas of Cleveland and Rev. L. H. Seager of Akron, Ohio, on "The Best Methods of Work in Order to Carry Out the Aims o

TO GO INTO LIQUIDATION.

First National of Asheville, N. C. Closes Its Doors.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 31.-The First National Bank of this city did not open this morning. A notice was posted on the door stating that owing to the inability to collect and the stringency of the times, the bank will go into voluntary liquida-

The last statement, made on May 14, showed loans and discounts, \$308,267.94; over drafts, \$10,323.23; deposits, \$76,859.85; capital stock, \$100,000; surplus, \$20,000. The three other banks in the city opened as usual. No run has teen attempted and

COL. JAMES F. GREGORY DEAD.

provements on West Virginia Rivers. CINCINNATI, Ohio, July 31.-Colone James F. Gregory, United States engineer in charge of the improvement service of the Ohio river and tributaries, dropped dead today from heart disease. He was formerly on Sheridan's staff.

A telegram received at the War Depart ment today from Lieutenant Little at Cincinnati states that Major Jas. F. Gregory corps of engineers, was found dead in bed at 8 o'clock this morning at Lane Seminary Hotel. Major Gregory was an engineer officer of high repute, and was at the time of his death in charge of the river and harbor improvements upon the Kanawha, Big and Little Sandy and other nawha, Big and Little Sandy and other West Virginia rivers. He was formerly stationed in this city as engineer secretary of the light house board.

TARIFF BRINGS RAISE IN WAGES.

Farm Hands in Louisiana Get an Ir Increase of 161-2 Per Cent.

NEW ORLEANS, July 31.-Mr. Leon Godchau, the owner of seven plantations in Louisiana, and the largest producer in the United States, has telegraphed to the manager of his several places to advance the wages of all field laborers 161/2 per cent, the advance to begin August 1, in consequence, he says, of the passage of the Dingley tariff bill.

In sugar circles the opinion is genera that this advance will be conceded by all the planters to labor employed in sugar culture or manufacture. The skilled labor employed in the sugar houses or refinerie are paid according to the price the sugar commands, and will get an increase in wages of from 20 to 90 per cent, as compared with last year.

WARRANTS FOR RUSTLERS.

Armed Party Start After the Wyon ing Marauders.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., July 31 .- A force of cowboys belonging to the Ogallalla Land Company round ups, started from Casper for Hole-in-the-Wall, accompanied by a number of sheriffs and other police officers. They are prepared to take all the cattle belonging to their employers out of the region infested by the rustlers.

A party of citizens, well armed and mounted, accompanied the party. A questicn of county boundary having arisen concerning last week's fight, Taylor, the rustler captured, will be held at Casper until the location of the fight can be ac-curately determined. Attorney Bradley, Taylor's attorney, has telegraphed Gov-ernor Richards that snother invasion equal to that the contract of the case of the o that of four years ago was starting out,

The sheriffs accompanying the party have warrants for the rustlers said to be implicated in the Belle Fourche Bank hold up, for whom a reward of \$2,500 is offered by the bank.

Deputy Sheriffs at De Armitt's Mines Resist Marchers.

OPEN FIGHT BARELY AVERTED

One of the De Armitts Reasons With the Miners.

PACIFIED WITH TOBACCO

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 31.-There has been a change in the state of the siege at the De Armitt mines, and a clash between the strikers and deputy sheriffs seems im minent. The mines at Oak Hill and Sandy Creek are being operated by very few men Most of the Oak Hill miners live at Turtle Creek, and the demonstrations of the strikers, camping in the Gospel tent, have intimidated them.

At Sandy Creek about 20 per cent of the miners are working, but at the Plum Creek mine, which is now the object of much concern on the part of the sheriff and De Armitt, all the men are working.

A representative of the Associated Press was admitted to the inside of the Plum Creek mine, and he talked with about a dozen of the men while they were at work. Ali of the men spoken to said they had no sympathy with the strikers, and that they would not leave the mine unless they were driven out. Most of the men are armed driven out. Most of the men are armed, and declare that they will not be intimidat-

A large number of men got into the mines at Plum Creek before the marchers ar-rived. This being the last day of the month, it is the end of a pay period, and the men had gone into the mines two hours earlier, so they could swell their account by a big day's work.

Deputy Pushed Aside.

The marchers approached the mine by the Monroeville road. The mine property adjoins the Center school house in Plum township, and on the dividing line between the two properties the marchers were met by a deputy sheriff, who told them they could not go any further on the Monrocville road. The leaders of the strikers pushed him aside and marched on. Twenty or thirty other deputies hurried to the scene, and the strikers were brought to a standstill within twenty yards of the tle. The men were very indignant, and for moment it looked like there would be

At this juncture Superintendent De Ar mitt arrived on the scene, and told the strikers that his men had already entered the mines, and that a battle with the deputy sheriffs would be a very foolish action. in that it would surely result in large numbers being arrested, and would be the worst thing they could do for the strike.

Strikers Then Withdrew.

The strikers ther withdrew and went into camp behind the school house, but they continued to make demonstrations about the mine and a number of stones were thrown. The spectacle of loaded cars coming from the pit mouth agitated the strikers, and the deputy sheriffs established a new picket line, each man hold-ing a loaded revolver in his right hand, while a reserve force of fifty deputies was in the office armed with rifles.

The strikers, worn out by the marching, then settled down. Samuel De Armitt went among them and distributed pipes and to-bacco. These were enjoyed, and many of the men went to sleep. The news of the march to the Plum Creek mine reached Thomas De Armitt at Oak Hill, and, finding that the telephone

wire had been cut, he drove to Plum Creek but found all quiet and his brother dis tributing the pipes and tobacco. During the excitement of the morning convulsions. This had much to do with

quieting affairs, as the strikers crowded around to assist him. This afternoon the strikers announced their intention of camping at the Center school house and remaining there until Monday, in order to see that the miners

President Dolan Elated.

District President Dolan of the Mine Workers arrived in Pittsburg from the camp at De Armitt's mines at 7 o'clock this morning to attend to some business, and at 10 o'clock returned to the mines. He is elated over the success of the movement to bring out the men of the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Co., and says the re-sult exceeds his brightest anticipations. He claimed that the correspondents who are on the ground are sending misleading reports on the situation. The march was made on the Plum creek mines, he said, at an early hour, and with but few exceptions the diggers refused to work. This mine was neglected yesterday, as the strikers devoted all their energies to the Sandy and

Turtle creek mines. "The Sandy creek mine is as silent as the grave," said Mr. Dolan, "and yesterday but eleven men were at work in the mines at Turtle creek. I have just come from a visit to the mines, and can state positively that not more than fifty men are at work in all the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Company's mines. There will not be a man at work on Monday. We are greatly encouraged over our success, and the prospects of winning the big strike are brighter than at any time since it was in-augurated. The close of the fourth week of the strike shows more miners idle in the

country than at any time in the history of the coal industry. Ignore Sheriff's Proclamation. The strikers declare that no attention

will be paid to Sheriff Lowry's proclamation; that they will remain where they are, and will, if necessary, assemble thousands of men of all trades, who are in sympathy with the striking miners, and keep them there until every employe of the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Company is forced, by shame, to lay down his pick and join the ranks of the strikers.

The strikers' camp presents rather a pe-culiar appearance, and reminds one of the camps that Coxey's army pitched while marching to Washington, except that there s a different looking class of men gathered

The people of Turtle creek are treating the miners very kindly, and great baskets of provisions are carried there for them. all of the meetings that have held collections were taken up, with which such provisions as are not donated are purchased. Altogether, the campers, many of them, are faring better now than they have for many months in the past.

RAILROAD BRIDGE BURNED.

Striking Miners Say It Was Set or Fire by Their Enemies.

WHEELING, W. Va., July 31.-The firs act of violence since the mining strike was inaugurated was committed at 3 o'clock this morning, when a small bridge on the Wheeling and Lake Erie road, between the mining settlements of Dillonvale and Long Run, was fired. Employes of the company saw the blaze and extinguished it, but no until the structure had been half destroyed The road was blocked this morning, but will be opened by this evening.

The affair caused much excitement throughout the valley, and the company is making preparations to guard its property more effectually. The strikers deny being implicated, and claim it was the work of

STEAMER ALKI OVERDUE. Belief That Her Crew Have Descried

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., July 31.-In

view of the fact that the steamer Alki, from Alaska, is past due, some credence is being placed in the statement of one of the steamer's crew while the ship was here on the way north thirteen days ago. This man remarked that it had been arranged by the entire crew to desert the Alki at Dyea and strike across the summit for the Yukon valley and the Klondyke.

"Want" ads. in The Star pay be

Sadie Tasker, Resident of the Division Commits Suicide.

Quarreled With a Man Said to Be a Treasury Clerk-Was a Beautiful Woman.

Sadie Tasker, an inmate of a house of illfame in the "Division." died this morning as a result of a dose of morphine, taken, presumably, with suicidal intent. The fatal drug had evidently been taken early last evening, and the unfortunate woman lingered through the night, apparently in great pain, until about 7:30 o'clock this norning, when she died.

The story of Sadie Tasker has been told again and again in every large city, and is probably as old as the existence of the class of women to which she belonged. Of the various men she knew there was one to whom she was devotedly attached, but, as invariably happens, harsh words often passed between them, and there was many a quarrel based on the jealousy of one or the other. Yesterday afternoon she had a particularly bitter war of words with her lover. It was only a few hours later that she swallowed the drug, but the other inmates of the place are unwilling to believe mates of the place are unwilling to believe that it was suicide, and insist that it was orly a coincidence, and that she took the morphine as a sedative and had no idea of her dangerous condition.

Treasury Clerk Her Lover. Yesterday afternoon Sadie Tasker had

the quarrel with her lover, who is said to be a clerk in the Treas ry Department. At the close of it he threatened to tell the landlady that she had been drinking to excess, and then he started to leave. As he vent down the stairs she called to him: went down the stairs she called to him:

"Are you going to leave me in this way?
Don't you dare, or you will have to take
the consequences," or words to that effect.
Later she left the house, and when she
returned it was clear that she had been
drinking hard. The odor of whisky was
strong upon her breath, and about 8 o'clock
she was taken sick. It was thought that
she was suffering from the effects of the
liquor. She was put to bed, and the landliquor. She was put to bed, and the land-lady, who was considerably alarmed by the we man's groans, sat up with her, or with-in call, all through the night. Toward merning she fell into a deep sleep, but as she continued to groan heavily two messages were sent for a physician, but he failed to reach the house until all was over.

Bought Morphine. Sadie Tasker was not a native of this city, but she had been in and about the 'Division' for some considerable time. She formerly lived at a house kept by Lotta Stanton, but a week ago she took a room at the house of Della Ferguson, 328 13th street, and it was there that she died. It seems that yesterday afternoon she went to the Stanton house. She had been drinking then, and asked one of the women there to give her some of her morphine. The latter refused, but Sadie obtained possession of the bottle, and, taking it to a neighboring drug store, had it filled. It is not known when or where she took the ecutents. When she geturned to the Ferguson house

she was in the best of spirits and gave Miss Ferguson a big bottle of cologne that she had purchased as a present for her.

Handsomest of Her Class. The dead woman was generally regarded as one of the handsomest of her class in the city. She was thirty-two years of age, tall and with a magnificent figure. Though naturally as blond, she had still further

bleached her hair and was quite a showy person.

When still but a young girl she was married to a wealthy Philadelphian and had three children. For some reason not known here her husband obtained a divorce, and she afterward came to this city and entered upon the life of a demi-mondaine.

A telegram was sent this morning to the chief of police in Philadelphia, as the woman's mother, and, sister live either in that city or Camilen. Later in the morning the body was removed to an undertaker's establishment, and her trunk, containing her clothing and other effects, was taken to the

clothing and other effects, was taken to the first precinct station house. Unless word is received from the woman's family the landlady of the house where she died will see that the body has decent burial.

Druggist Must Answer.

Dr. L. W. Glazebrook, the deputy coroner of the District, at once started an investigation, and is determined at least to press the case against the druggist for selling a deadly poison without a physician's prescription. The bottle which she took to the druggist's had on it only the label of a Philadelphia wholesale house. She asked for a quarter's worth of mor phine, and he gave her twenty-five grains of the stuff, and even failed to put his own label on the bottle. Women of her sort are frequently addicted to the use of some sort of drug, and it is said that a few druggists are very lax in the matter of sup plying them with pretty much anything

Dr. Glazebrook had a consultation with District Attorney Davis today. Mr. Davis said that the law against selling poisons in the District had never been enforced as it should be, and that he would be only too glad to make a test case of this. As result of the consultation, Dr. Glazebrook has ordered an inquest to be held next Monday at 11 o'clock at the first precinct station. The District Attorney has ex-pressed his intention of being present, and if the facts are as they seem to be today the case will probably be taken to the courts and vigorously pushed.

DAZED, BUT NOT MUCH HURT.

has. Buckey Falls Twenty-Eight Feet, Escaping With Few Bruises. Chas. Buckey, fell twenty-eight feet in the post office building this afternoon, broke through two floors with a force sufficient to leave holes two feet square in the tiling, and a few minutes later calmly washed his hands at the Emergency Hos-

pital, as if nothing had happened. Buckey is a steamfitter, living in Baltinore, and is a robust young man twenty years old. He was engaged at his work of putting in steam pipes in the sixth floor of the building, when he happened to step on weak spot in the tiling, with which all the floors in the structure are at present cov-

In less than a second he had broken through with enough force to send him crashing through the floor below to the ourth floor, two stories lower. He was

fourth floor, two stories lower. He was carried to the second floor, where he speedily revived, and expressed the wish that he might not go to the hospital. Fearing some internal injury, however, and seeing that his face was badly cut and bruised, the ambulance was sent for and Buckey taken to the Emergency.

Dr. Bahr examined him, and found that his arms were hadly scratched and bruised, while his face on the left side suffered to a much greater extent. After he had cleansed the scratches himself at the sink in the emergency room, using ordinary soap for that purpose, Dr. Bahr dressed the injured members and the cut on his face, and Buckey departed for home.

It was stated at the post office building that in all probability Buckey had inadvertently slipped into a hole which had been made in the tiling for a pipe, and the accident appears, to have been unavoidable.

been made in the tiling for a pipe, and the accident appears to have been unavoidable. Buckey himself, remembers nothing of his fall until he found himself at the second story, and fild not at the time he was having his wounds attended to remember where he had been working, except that it was in the post office building.

Assistant Secretary Howell of the Treasury Department left Washington this after noon for Atlantic City, N. J., for a short rest. He expects to return next Monday. The Spanish Minister Leaves.

Senor Depuy de Lome, the Spanish min-

ister here, left for Lenox, Mass., today to

spend his vacation.

Assistant Secretary Howell Leaves.

Bids for a New Lightship. The lighthouse board today opened bids for the building of a lightship for Overfalls shore, of Delaware bay, and for the rebuilding of the tender Holly, at Baltimore.

Society People Hastening Away for the Holidays.

INTEREST IN THE COWES REGATTA

Mrs. Hay and Daughter Will Sail for Home Wednesday.

FOREIGN NEWS AND GOSSIP

LONDON, July 31 -- With the Goodwood meeting over, with parliament on the eve of prorogation and the Cowes regatta just begirning, the season of 1897 is absolutely ended; and with it is ended also, apparently, a long run of good weather.

The weather during the last fortnight has been very irregular; there have been severe thunder storms in many places throughout England, and violent bursts of rain with high winds, succeeded at intervals by stuffy, breezeless heat. There is, however, promise of good weather for the August bank holiday, upon which so many depend for an outing at this season of the year. Today all the railway stations are crowded with excursionists who are leaving town over the holidays.

Crowds at Cowes.

Cowes is crowded in anticipation of hext week's regatta, when the prizes will be unusually munificent. On Monday the Aurora will sail her maiden race with the Meteor, the Bona and the Britannia, under the auspices of the Royal London Yacht Club, which will probably prove the most

interesting event of the season.

The Duke of Leeds has been actively engaged in getting signatures to an address to the Emperor William on behalf of the yacht owners, who were entered for the Emperor's cup in the recent race to Heligoland. But his action is being quietly criticised in the higher vectors of the cised in the higher vectors of the second by cised in the higher yachting circles and by leading members of the Prince of Wales set, who are diametrically opposed to the

kaiser and to all his acts.

The Prince of Wales, however, has reconsidered his determination not to race Britannia against Meteor this year; and she arrived at Cowes on Thursday in full racing rig. The Duke of Abruzzi's new Bona, the Duke of Sutherland's Catania and Mr. Ogden Goelet's Mayflower and other well-known yachts are in the roads. Several of Mr. Hulme's horses, which have taken prizes in this country, were sold at auction at Tattersall's on Monday Ganymede brought 165 guineas, and Cracks man and Marksman, sold as a pair, brought 430 guineas. Mr. Hulme has returned to

Mrs. Hay and Daughter Coming Back. Mrs. John Hay, wife of the ambassador, and Miss Hay will sail for New York next Wednesday.

Vanity Fair, reviewing the season, congratulates the country on its brilliancy, and gives a list of the season's beauties, which, it says, no other country can rival. It adds that among the American girls Miss Goelet and Miss Hay, the ambassador's daughter, have been most successful, because of per

sonal charm and animation of manner. An English Girl's Letter. In the same issue appears a letter from an

English girl with reference to the newspaper agitation over the decadence of English society. The writer says: "The trouble lies in the unwillingness of the poor members of the aristocracy to earn honest livings. It is so dreadful for the men to put themselves up for sale to the rich American girls who love to come here

to excel English beauty and wealth. If this goes on all England will soon be own-ed by the Americans; for they are buying land as well as men. It is announced that during the coming parliamentary recess the liberal leaders will openly formulate a plan for home rule all around, in place of Mr. Gladstone's scheme. They are counting on the Irish

"I opposed the motion for 'home rule all around in 1895, and would oppose it again now. It would never satisfy Irish national aspirations. Besides, it is a mere dodge to evade the main question. The scheme in itself is outside the range of practical politics. Ireland's only hope now is to move boldly for a national parliament free from

all outside control, as Parnell said."

New Honor for Actors. The Hungarian government has authorized the state bank at Buda-Pesth to engrave on 1,000 florin notes portraits of the most noted singers and actors of Hungary. M. Faure's villa at Havre is situated in a hollow, and is overlooked by the Boulevard Maritime. A number of telescopes have been erected in the boulevard, and large

erowds are paying half a franc apiece to see the president walking in his garden or seated in his chair on the lawn. The ex-Empress Eugenie, looking very well, has returned from a yachting trip. She spent two days here, and is now at her

residence, Farnsborough Hill. The crusade against the frock coat and stovepipe hat for summer gatherings like the Goodwood races, has received a set-back. This year the Prince of Wales and the men of his party, instead of appearing in the low-crowned hat and morning coat, as they did last year, all wore black frock

coats and high hats. Anent the Monetary Commission.

The forthcoming issue of the National Review will contain a long article upon the success of the American bimetallic commission. The article confirms what has already been cabled on this subject by the correspondent of the Associated Press, and

"It is now generally recognized by all except ostriches that Great Britain's chief contribution will be the reopening of the Irdian mints, which all who appreciate the question must regard as a splendid sub-

scription to the common pool."

The opera season at Covent Garden has resulted, it is said, in a handsome profit to the syndicate. Mr. Grau says he will have the de Reszkes and all the other male singers next year, and possibly Tamagno. He expects also to have Melba, Eames, Calve and Nordica. He will return to New York in October to consult with the Met ropolitan directors as to the New York season of 1898.

Madame Sarah Bernhardt and Beerbohm Tree have effected an arrangement for the atrical reciprocity. In return for the use of Her Majesty's Theater, which Mr. Tree placed at the disposal of the French actress for a matinee performance of "La Dame Aux Camelias" last Saturday, Madame Bernhardt has invited him to ap-Madame Bernhardt has invited him to appear in the Renaissance in Paris early next year. Mr. Tree will play "Hamlet." "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and "Trilby" before the Parisians. Madame Bernhardt has also asked to be permitted to occupy the Lyceum, and a short season may be arranged during Irving's absence.

Anglo-Chinese Tragedy. One of the attractions booked for the Garrick is a Chinese tragedy, the plot of which is said to be located in San Francisco. The principal characters will be played by English actors, but genuine Mongolians will be drafted for minor parts.

Paul Dunbar, the negro poet, who owes to W. D. Howells his introduction to the public, is being lionized in London in most flattering fashion. The color line is not drawn in English society, and the colored versifier being the latest literary novelty, is much sought for receptions, parties and similar gatherings. His ings of his own verses have been highly praised by the press, nor are criticisms of the verses themselves less friendly,

Chief Clerk Green Promoted.

Darius A Green, chief clerk of the bureau of construction and repair, Navy Department, has been promoted to the responsible clerkship in charge of navy yard rganization, while retaining him in his present position. Mr. Green is a citizen of Medford, Mess., and for eleven years was citrk to the naval constructor at the Boston yard. He was also associated for some time with the Suffolk Savings Bank and the Commercial National Bank of Boston.

New Rules Adopted by the District Commis-

Regulations Relating to Conduct of Employes, Keeping of the Records and Public Hearings

Following the orders for the government of the District building, which were printed heretofore in The Star, come the new orders for the conduct of public business in the building, printed today. They are in

part as follows: The regular office hours chall be from a.m. to 4 p.m. (except on Saturdays, when they are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.), with an allowable recess of thirty minutes between

12 m. and 1 p.m.

Conduct of Employes. Tardiness in arrival, reading of newspapers or other unofficial reading matter, failure of diligent employment during office hours, disability for any cause, or unauthorized absence during office hours, by any employe, will be daily reported by the head of the office to the Commissioner in charge of the office or department in which the employe is engaged.
All employes must attend strictly to their official duties, during office hours, and wear their coats or be otherwise suitably

attired while so engaged. Absences. Employes will be allowed leave of absence and sick leave during the year, as provided by law for the executive departments of the general government. Any

absence in excess of the allowance must

be without pay. In case of absence due to

illness, the absentee must submit a state-

ment of the facts, accompanied by the in-dersement of a reputable physician, or oth-er proof of illness. Heads of offices and departments will on the first of every month submit to the com-missioner in charge a statement of ab-sences and tardiness during the previous

Each of the departments and offices of the District of Columbia shall keep a fle and record of its letters received, serially numbered in numerical order, and snowing the action taken in each case, and indexed; also a letter-sent file or letter-sent book similarly numbered and indexed.

A copy of each letter sent shall be filed

with the letter received to which it relates. Every communication received in an office to whose business the communication does not pertain, shall be promptly sent to the office having immediately in charge the business to which it relates. Papers upon which reports by or informa-tion from any other branch of the District government are needful shall be referred therefor directly to such other department.

and only submitted to the Commissioners when the case requires their action and is completed for their consideration. Every paper upon which action is ordered or taken by the Commissioners shall be filed, with a brief or copy of such action, in the office in which it was originally re-

Current Business.

In all cases, when practicable, current business will be concluded on the day of its receipt, and if final action is necessarily deferred, the receipt of the communication will be at once acknowledged by the officer or department to which it pertains, with a brief statement of the disposition

made of it.
All original papers of every sort must be carefully preserved, and pass out of the custody of the officer in charge only upon a written order from one of the Commission ers. No copies of papers will be furnished except upon a written order of one of the

Hearings by the Board.

Times for public special hearings by the

board upon important matters will be

designated by the secretary upon application to him at least one day in advance. Applications for employment, complaints and requests for work must be made by

thereof. ALASKA'S BOUNDARY LINE.

Persons having business with any office

Enforced Delay While Awaiting th Senate's Action. Nothing can be done more than already has been done towards marking the bound ary line between Alaska and the British possessions along the 141st meridian until the Senate passes upon the boundary treaty now before it. There is, however, no doubt of the location of the line along this medidian and most people in that lo-cality know where it is. The demarcation work was superintended by General Duf-tield, superintendent of the coast and geo-detic survey, on behalf of the United States. General Duffield has spent considstates. General Dumeid has spent considerable time in Alaska. He expresses the opinion that a railroad easily can be constructed from Takin inlet to the Klondyke gold fields, and believes that the enterpoles will be worth

prise will be worth undertaking, because of the richness of the mines "The gold," said General Duffield in dis-cussing the question, "has been ground out of the quartz by the pressure of the glaciers, which lie and move along the courses of the streams, exerting a tremendous pressure. This force is present to more appreciable extent in Alaska than elsewhere, and I believe that as a consequence more placer gold will be found in that region than in any other part of the world." General Duffield thinks the gold hunters on the American side of the line have made the mistake of prospecting the large streams instead of the small ones. "When gold is precipitated," he said, "it sinks. It does not float far down stream. It is therefore to be looked for along the small creeks and about the headwaters of the larger tributaries of the Yukon. There is," he added, "no reason why as rich finds may not be made on the American side of the line as in the Klondyke

William Edwards and Lulu Edwards were today each sentenced to pay a fine corner of 11th and H streets northwest late

last night.

Baltimore Markets.

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Baltimore July 31.—Flour firm, unchanged—receipts, 5,886 barrels; exports, 338 barrels; sales, 1,800 barrels. Wheat quiet and lower—spot and month, 82½482%; August, 81½481½; September, 81½481½; September, 81½481½; steamer No. 2 red, 79½479%;—receipts, 163,094 bushels; sales, 81,000 bushels—southern wheat by sample, 78a84½; do. on grade, 81a84. Corn easy—spot and month, 32½a32%; August and September, 31½a32½; steamer mixed, 29½a29½—receipts, 131,737 bushels; exports, 299,060 bushels; stock, 736,480 bushels; sales, 100,000 bushels; southern white corn, 34; do. yellow, 36. Oats firm—No. 2 white, 26½a27; No. 2 mixed, 23½a24—receipts, 6,217 bushels; exports, 9,100 bushels; stock, 102,621 bushels. Rye 8 rorg—No. 2 marby, 44a44½; No. 2 western, 45 sales—receipts, 1,800 bushels; exports, 8,571 bushels; stock, 14,728 bushels. Hay firm—chote timothy, \$13,50a\$14.00. Grain freights quiet, feeling easder, unchanged. Sugar firm, unchanged. Butter quiet, unchanged. Eggs firm, unchanged. Cheese steady, unchanged. Whisky unchanged.

Government Bonds Quotations reported by Corson & Macart-

2 per cents, registered.
4 per cents, coupon of 1907.
4 per cents, registered of 1907.
4 per cents, coupon of 1925.
5 per cents, coupon of 1925.
5 per cents, coupon of 1904.
5 per cents, registered of 1904. 112% 112% 126% 125% 115 Furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., bankers and brokers, 1427 F st., members New York stock exchange, correspondents Messrs-Ladenburg, Thaimann & Co., New York

CLASHWITHSTRIKERS TOOK MORPHINE AND DIED LONDON SEASON OVER THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS FINANCE AND TRADE

Prices Opened Higher on Wall Street This Morning.

CHECKED BY LIQUIDATING SALES

Comparisons of the Week's Changes in Various Stocks.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, July 31.-Opening prices this morning were generally higher than those recorded at the close of yesterday's business. London's holiday had a tendency to restrict the volume of business, but dullness again prevented any material declines.

Some liquidation was in progress throughcut the morning, notably in St. Paul. The Granger shares, as a class, have attracted considerable profit-taking during the week and close nearly 1 per cent lower than last Saturday.

Rock Island has withstood these operations without a concession beyond the usual commission. The earnings of this property, due early in the coming week, have served to hold the price steady, even in the presence of speculative liquidation. The coal shares close substantially higher

The coal shares close substantially higher than last week, although in today's market selling in the interest of profits was apparent. Reading, first preferred, broke sharply during the final hour on sales of this character, but regained more than half of its loss under new buying.

In the industrials the average is lower, a 5 per cent decline in Sugar for the period in question being the most noteworthy.

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While the securities which were first to attract attention by reason of an improved demand are fractionally lower, an entirely new group closes the week at substantial advances. In Northern Pacific, for instance, the buying up to the close of business was especially good, the week's gain in the preferred stock exceeding 3 per cent.

The Morgan and Hill factions are in practical harmony on the subject of the practical harmony on the subject of the management of this property, and earnings

are certain to reflect this change in the relations of the larger interests. Chesapeake and Ohio is another excep tion, a gain of 2 per cent having been recorded during the week solely because of fectorated during the week solely because of improving merit, and a prosperous outlook for an active business season.

The advance in Consolidated Gas is a trifle over 10 per cent, and represents the distribution of a strong discount in the control of the

presence of a strong financial interest in presence of a strong financial interest in the market. Shares selling at a premium of 80 per cent are not selected for the cheap demonstrations of the professional trader. All things considered, the market has acted exceptionally well during the present week. The undertone has at all times been strong and concessions invariably attracted new buying.

Trade and crop reports have been encouraging, and there are no apparent obstacles in the way of further progress.

The loss of gold during the week has been frequently referred to, but this outflow is no argument against the advancing tendency of prices. First-class securities will

ency of prices. First-class securities will continue to improve, and the low-priced issues will move up in sympathy with The time for crop scares is now fully at and and the occasional alarm in the ranks

of the overcredulous wil lmake attractive prices for the shrewd and farsighted. The weekly bank statement reflects less of something more than \$1,500,000 in lawful money, the bulk of which is attrib-uted to the gold shipments. An increase of nearly \$3,000,000 in the loans is an encou aging feature of the report and indicates a continued demand for money in and out of Wall street. A decrease of \$1,641,425 in re-serve is reported, but the total surplus is still equal to the maintenance of cheap

rates for money.

The volume of general business has been better distributed during the week than at any time during the year. Consequently vulnerable points in the market have been

reduced to a m'nimum.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL. The following are the opening, the highest and the lowest and the closing prices of the New York stock market today, as reported by Corson & Macartney, members New York stock exchange. Correspondents,

Messrs. Moore & Schley, No. 80 Broadway.

Open. High, Low, Close

American Spirits. 183, 183, 183, American Spirits, pfd. 32 32, American Sugar. 1863, 1894, American Sugar, pfd. 1113, 1114, American Tobacco. 83, 83, American Cotton Oil. 14% 14% Bay State Gas. Canada Southern Canada Pacific Chicago Anorinwestern. 1174 Del, Lack. & W ... 1117 46 15% 117 117 Delaware & Hudson. Ben. & Rio Grande, pfd. onisville & Nashville .. Metropolitan Traction .. 1117 Mahattan Elevated. National Lead Co., pfd. 1023/2 1023/2 New Jersey Central... 90 90 New York Central Northern Pacific, pfd... outhern Ry., pfd...... Texas Pacific.....
Tenn. Coal & Iron.....
Union Pacific.....

Washington Stock Exchange.

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Sales—regular call—12 o'clock m.—Lanston Monotype, 10 at 18%; 50 at 19. After call—Pneumatic Gun Carriage, 162 at 70 cents; 25 at 70 cents; 6 at 70 cents. Lanston Monotype, 7 at 19.

District of Columbia Bonds.—20-year fund 5s, 461 bid. 30-year fund 6s, gold, 112 bid. Water stock 7s, 1862, currency, 112½; bid. 365s, funding, currency, 110 bid., 115 asked.

Miscellaneous Bonds.—Metropolitan Railroad 5s, 116½; bid. Metropolitan Railroad conv. 6s, 117½; bid., 119 asked. Metropolitan Railroad certificates of indebtedness, A, 108 bid. Metropolitan Railroad certificates of indebtedness, B, 108 bid., 110 asked. Washington Gas Company 6s, series B, 111 bid. U. S. Electric Light debeature imp., 100 bid. American Security and Trust 5s, A, and O, 100 bid. Meashington Gas Company 6s, series B, 111 bid. U. S. Electric Light debeature imp., 100 bid. American Security and Trust 5s, A, and O, 100 bid. Washington Market Company ist 6s, 106 bid. Washington Market Company act. 6s, 106 bid. Masonic Hall Association 5s, 104½ bid.

National Bank Stocks.—Bank of Washington, 260 bid. Bank of the Republic, 200 bid. Metropolitan, 277 bid., 310 asked. Central, 255 bid. Farmers and Mechanics', 175 bid. 195 asked. Second, 130 bid. Child. Child. 185 asked. Lincoln, 102 bid. Wasked. Ohle, 90 asked. Lincoln, 102 bid. Waste.—National Safe bid. Cittzens', x132 bid. Columbia, 125 bid. 135
asked. Capital, 118 bid. West End, 104 bid, 135
asked. Lincoln, 102 bid, 107 asked. Oide, 100
asked. Lincoln, 102 bid, 107 asked. Oide, 100
asked. Safe Deposit and Trust Companies.—National Safe
Deposit and Trust, x120 asked. Washington Loan
and Trust, x124 asked. American Security and
Trust, 143 bid, 147 asked. Washington Safe Deposit, 50 bid.
Railroad Stocks.—Capital Traction, 54½ bid, 56
asked. Metropolitan, 115 bid. Columbia, 60 bid.
Gas and Electric Light Stocks.—Washington Gas,
x42 bid. Georgetown Gas, 42 bid. U. S. Electric
Light, 34½ bid, 96 asked.
Insurance Stocks.—Fremen's, 30 bid, 38 asked.
Franklin, 38 bid. Metropolitan, 68 bid. Corcoran,
56 bid. Potomac, 67 bid. Arlington, 138 bid. Vational